There are times I don’t like the
poems in this book

there are times I like them

I gave it my best
have fun

Thanks

A LOVE POEM- AIR GUITAR STYLE

Love is something else
love has never let me down

I'm impressed earth could make
such an unconditional beautiful
idea

Everyone agrees about love

The word even feels good
It always feels good to tell people
you love them

Love is truth
Love is life

Love saves every day

POEM

Most of life
is
thinking about life

POEM

Dragon
Dragon
Dragon
Missy
Dragon

POETRY

People are often ashamed and embarrassed by their own poetry

more than any other art

it's perhaps poetry's greatest achievement

THE UNIVERSE

An animal looked at me and told me

"Today is going to be good, I'm going to be safe."

THE SUN WINKS

A parade of poets goes down
main street

The poets are applauded
by everyone in the small town
they hoot and holler

The poets wave, smile and sing
They dress up as light, demons,
and clowns

Prancing about the streets

Everyone in the town is thankful
to have poets in their town

A business man says-
"The poets help us see the magic
and beauty in life."

POEM

I obsessed about eating dog shit
when I was eleven for 3 weeks

CHANGE

A person walks out into the ocean
Because they have seen it in movies
and they believe it will give them insight and patience
The person believes they need this desperately

It's a beautiful day

Unlike the movies
They can't think anything while walking into the ocean

The experience is ok

Then the person goes back to their motel
and does some very good drugs

LIFE

Life

HUMOR

Humor is human's greatest
creation
it's fun
everyone likes it

Life made humans
but humans made humor

MAKING ART THROUGH
THE DECADES:

A child-
“Don’t quit
I love it!”

In your teen’s-
“Yes, this is the best
you passed the test!!”

In your 20’s-
“You’re making art, that’s great,
make a mess
it’s not about success”

In your 30’s-
“You’re not really doing anything;
all you do is play
get money or you can’t stay.”

In your 40’s-

“Did you quit?
I don’t know, because we don’t
talk about it.”

MOM'S

Everything that is given
is taken back too

doesn't matter who you are
or what you do

except your mom
because she gave birth to you

POEM

A fish swims better than any fish
has ever swam ever
Nothing knows it
Not even the fish who did it

NOT KILLING PEOPLE

I was running on a track

I walked across the field to the exit

The only people that were there were two early high school girls doing cartwheels

I wondered if they thought I was going to kill them

I tried to communicate, by my actions that I was not

I think those thoughts more than one would think
I'm not going to kill someone

More or less than others?

I don’t know

I wonder if a person has thought

“Is that person going to kill me?”

At the same time I think,
“Does that person think I’m
going to kill them?”

and I’m able to communicate that
I am not

which I do by keeping my head
down

and we continue life

LIFE

Being asked for a divorce at
Sizzler
then going to Hooters
and finding Jesus

BELIEVE

When I was young
I believed in everything

Then when I got older
it seemed to take great wisdom
and courage to believe in very
little

Now I'm older and it seems easier
to believe in everything again

Believe is the strongest word

fact might have death

believe as heaven

POETRY

If a stranger asked me,

"Can I tell you some things
concerning my life and emotions
that I hope to be intense, sad and
beautiful, right now?"

I would say, "Thank you. Yes."

Then feel slightly uncomfortable
about it

that is how poetry often makes
me feel
mine included

I like poems that
are simple
and don't mean much
they just capture a basic time

like the feeling of wasting time
or the color green in the Jo-Ann
fabric sign

But people are alive

so people don't often write these
poems

including me

MODERN ART

Death and sex laughing at jokes

while jokes cries with truth

Jokes secretly winks back at the audience

but truth does it last

WORK

It's good to get tired
So, then you can get fired

KNOWING PEOPLE

I would like to meet my parents,
lovers and friends
in a different life setting
same people - different life

I would like to meet a loved one
in Foot Locker

We wouldn't have formed a
language yet, understanding and
agreement of how we exist in the
world together

we would try to do that while they
help me get a shoe

HONOR

A lobsterman goes to Red
Lobster

He is respected a great deal
He tells many stories of lobstering
and people thank him

He says
"I'm coming back here; this has
been great."

HUMANS

Is suicide the most human thing

Or believing that there is an
afterlife?

POEM

I'm sitting and trying to write

I wrote that

DRUGS

Drugs
can allow you to be
your truest self
that is the scariest part

LESSONS

Kindness seems like a good
choice at all times

Also trying to have a healthy
body, being safe and not dying

But what do you do after that?

What does a person say?
What does a person do?

Have fun?
Is that the answer?

If that is true
Then we should all know that

POEM

The kids I work with are watching
a science class
On zoom
Called, “Are Unicorns Real?”
While being in a pandemic

LIFE

Death seems to be a pretty good
resolution in this life
as far as I can tell

A lot of life
is waiting to die

A lot of life
is doing a lot of stuff
so it feels like you're not waiting

POEM

I enjoy eating

CAPITALISM

Everything in existence is in
competition with everything else
in existence
love vs love
friend's vs friends
own thought vs own thought

Until it's not seen as competition
just existence

Until everything is destroyed
that is not as good as the other
thing that is best

Until the only thing that exists is
only one true God

and Gods own best thoughts
destroy the worst thoughts

Until God becomes a perpetual
one best thought of themselves
with one held best face held
forever alone in eternity

then everything ends

DREAMS

If I accomplish every dream of mine
and the weight of life leaves me

I will be sad and think-

“Why didn’t I get here before,
why did I waste so much time?”

If I do and that weight is still there

I will be happy and think-

“Good, I was living the dream the entire time and I always kind of knew it.”

LIFE IS GOOD

A person saw a sign at a store

“Dance like no one is watching.”

It was written in cursive
in white on a board

That was supposed to look like it
was driftwood

They bought it and hung it at
their house

They liked the message
It was about being yourself

When at times they needed
support

They would think of the sign

It answered many questions for them

The message allowed them to be more confident

To be free

They grew and lived all their dreams

EVERYONE

Funny you can exist and think
"I'm me"

And the whole world and
everyone you meet can think
"Nope that's not you."

"You're this."

and no one tells you

and that's that

CHANGE

The grass is not always greener on the other side

but at least it's different

POEM

I would like to see James Taylor
alone

Speak passive aggressively

to a Labrador retriever in a large
field

ROMANCE

People kiss
for bliss
but it's thinking
that really feels good to miss

TIME

A person thinks
“I don’t ever sit in that chair.”
Then they sit in the chair

they wonder how long they have
to stay in it
to have the experience of sitting
in the chair?

The experience of the experience
is stressful
they get out of the chair
they leave the chair in the room
and don’t plan on sitting
in the chair in a long time

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

A person could think positive
loving thoughts every thought
for a lifetime
because they are alive

BILLIONS OF PEOPLE

A person working at Taco Bell
makes the greatest joke in
America that year

another person laughs
and life continues

CHEESEBURGERS

I miss cheeseburgers

they made me high and happy
I was young and there were great possibilities

I guess none of my dreams came true
professional athlete
movie star

my dreams are different now

COMMUNICATING

A person looks at the sky and
feels a great deal

They feel this in their body and
heart

They turn to their friend and try
at length to express how uniquely
beautiful the sky is
Their friend says

"That's cool."

In that moment they
unconsciously decide to have kids
and to drink when needed

IS MY LIFE LIKE A HUMAN LIFE?

Do you think that?
I think that

Life has so much chaos
that we have to all agree
to act almost exactly the same

We do this in hopes
we can make others feel safe

Considering everything is infinite
and possible
all said and done
99.9% of the time
everyone pretty much acts the
same

but we don't all feel the same

and that's where you must stay
free

love is infinite

POEM

You're allowed to think about
anything in the universe
At any time

SODA

Coke is tainted air
Dr. Pepper is a novel
Pepsi is a stepfather
Crush is a good cousin
Mt Dew is puberty in Russia
Monster is freebasing a clam
Ginger Ale is PBS
Sprite is a soda
Root Beer is corduroy
Grape soda is youth
Cherry Coke is a grandfather
piano
Diet soda is angry salt

PEOPLE IN OTHER BRAINS

Amazing that everyone that sees
your body, even for a moment
translates your being within the
context of everything they are

For someone to think about
another is a beautiful thing,
is there any higher form of
devotion?

TALKING

I stopped at a stop light
and saw an old high school
classmate

I hadn't seen him for 20 years or
so

I waited a bit, so that we wouldn't
have to try to talk through the
entire light

I opened my window
and got his attention

I asked him "What have you been
up to?"

He said "Having kids. You?"
I said "Making art"

I then said

“I always thought you were a kind person.”

He said,
“The same with you.”

The light then turned green and we drove away

That was it

It was one of the better interactions in my life

I wrote about it

SPORTS

That the culture of sports is violent

It's different playing

All I to do is try to put a ball in a good place

I feel free

BECOMING GOD

Has everyone at some point in
their life

Thought there was a chance that
they would become God?

If God visited you

At what point would you want
them to leave

So, you could be alone?

IT WAS FUN LIVING AT THE SAME TIME

It's funny thinking about being in
a room
while my friends die
Or them being in the room when
I die

I look forward to it

Saying goodbye to someone
for the last time
is ridiculous

The last joke
already written

COMMUNITY

I would like to be able to wander
around the same DMV

I would be given food and
medical care

I would vomit, cry, cum and
laugh

all at the same time

For my entire life

I wouldn't cause any disturbance's

because they would know
that I was just doing my best

REALITY

Try as I may
I'm often me
forever

which I can accept
but feels kind of exciting not to
accept
because who knows what could
happen
if I don't?

I have tried this theory out for a
long time
it's fun in my mind
not so much in my life

I am always me

thinking about how to be me

so that I can be a better me

which makes being me
more difficult for me

JOHNNY DEPP

-Johnny Depp's Mad Hatter
character
dates both
Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow
character
and
Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka
character

In a polyamorous relationship

-Johnny Depp's spirit: Not as a
handsome Hollywood star
But as a "Why be normal?"
bassoon player
in a clown Vermont marching
band

KINDNESS

The only answer
we have to the expanding
universe and death
is kindness

HEAVEN

There is a single moment when
you sprint the fastest you ever
spirited

Heaven should be people running
their fastest in silence

POEM

I like writing poems because
maybe the next one
will be “it”

POEM

Going from room to room in life

All the rooms I go in

I'm allowed to go in

Some of them I must leave in
time

There are rooms I want to go in
that I haven't

There are room that I don't want
to go in that I haven't

There are many rooms I haven't
gone in
that I will

ART

Abstract art in heaven

LANGUAGE

I want to write a poem
That is the word: Love

But a different word

more fun and better than this

and have it be the single perfect
manifestation of life

it could be difficult

HEALTHY NATURE COCAINE

Sun rise you are so free
and wild
you have made me laugh with
your beauty
and cry with your wisdom

Everything gets touched with
light
it gives me hope
the sun always rises

POEM

Robert Parrish
Staring at a pancake

HAVING TO DO THINGS

Sometimes I will wake up and think
"I don't know what I should do, or need to do?"
Which makes me nervous

Then I realize the expectations placed on me are easy

I just need to be contributing part of society

be nice and not hurt people

I'm not famous
the world doesn't know me

I just need to follow the rules like everyone

not do anything crazy

keep my job
and be like

“Yup, I’m me”
when asked

Just do my part as a human
stay positive

most importantly just keep going

don’t hurt anyone

so when I die

people won’t think
remember when he did all that
horrible stuff that day?
they will think, “Pretty nice guy,”

then they will think about food

NATURE POEMS

Nature poems are difficult

Sun
Ocean
Moon

BEING BORN

No one asked to be born

that sums up a lot of life
good and bad

I think a lot of people
don't really think about how they
didn't choose to be born

that sums up a lot of life also
good or bad

there are a lot of things in life
and some are good some are bad
but it's life

Everything is always life
so it's good to like it

POEM

Smelling just opened tennis ball can
While watching an old man hold a nice cat

The word Wyoming is whispered by a well-made air generator

MADE FOR TV MOVIE

"I can't believe life is this sad at
times"

Said in the most
intelligent
respectful
humorous
beautiful way possible

so it actually means life is not sad

its sadness is
challenging
natural
and beautiful

like a good pg-13 movie
or most of life

YOUTH

I don't eat pancakes much these days
but I miss them
I used to get them at Denny's
I would get high with friends
and eat pancakes
we didn't know we were at a part of our lives
where we were getting high
and eating pancakes at Denny's

POEMS ABOUT POEMS

-The idea of writing a good poem
Is not fun

The idea of writing a poem
Is fun

-A person tries to capture the
wonder whimsicalness and magic
in their heart
through writing
and it makes people depressed

-I want to say nothing
And have it say everything

Silence does this better than
anything

-If I could write a poem
That felt like Tom Hanks being
tortured by Tom Hanks

Then saved by Tom Hanks
As a comedy/drama
I hope I would write one
I hope I wouldn't write much
more then 100

OTHER PEOPLE

It's hard to know your
relationship with a loved one

The closer you get the more it is
only them

And you cannot see the outside
world

You have no outside reference to
create meaning from it

You're alone with them
it is as much you, as it is them

so it becomes difficult to see the
way you love them

it is only reflected back to you

but you can feel it

and all they do through their life
is tell you about it

FAKE IT TILL YOU MAKE IT

The idea of being too positive in life
compared to the idea of being too truthful

oscillating rapidly

creating a strobe light

producing shadow puppets
made from a falling clown

trying to land in the concept of
“home”

BOOKS

I would like to make a book
where you open it and are
squirted by water

that is the experience I would like
from a book
at least once

I'm sure someone has done it
not because of the universe
but because it's fun

(couldn't find it on the internet)

LIGHT

Sometimes light will shine in my room
In a way that I have to think

"I did not know life could do that."

THINKING

A lot of people are thinking stuff
in their brains
they feel like they cannot express
that is the true human history

COFFEE

I went into the city and drank a
really expressive cup of coffee

It opened a lot of doors for me
and I walked through them

I was feeling super funky

I talked to someone about ideas
and believes

We both grew

PARTY LIFE

I don’t do drugs these days
I want as much time as possible
To make peace with this thing
or die trying

BILLY JOEL

Yellow as a flower
no anxiety
yellow as light
yellow being free

Billy Joel
thinking and feeling
that he is Billy Joel
he feels great joy and peace

DOING GREAT

I think I do a good job of not being jealous
or at least admitting it to myself

But I do find myself naturally jealous
of young families that look rich
vote democrat
nice carriages
LL Bean
the whole appearance or lifestyle

I know life is life
but they do give off a pretty convincing vibe
to me at least at times
that they don't feel as much pain as I do

DAN

I worked with a guy

He worried about things
obsessively
that's all he did most of the time,
like most people

but he didn't have to tools to ever
stop

He didn't talk often

I liked hanging with him

Just sitting there with him for
hours

while he worked through his
place in the universe in his mind
trying to come to peace with it

Talking and everything else seemed unwise and a waste of time

we would spend hours at Jack In The Box

at the same table staring out of different windows

I was honored to watch the journey

POEM

Jim goes to TCBY
and gets a good deal

When walking out of the store
he says goodbye to the workers

They know he got a good deal
They know he made good choices

They know he will go to heaven

LIFE

Even with the standard never ending,
"Life is suffering."

I often think,

"Agreed, but I'm into it and it's also the best thing I know, so far"

POEM

I hope boring poems
can be good poems

I think so

I like poems where I'm done
And think,
"Is that all that happened?"

That's life

LIVING THE DREAM

I lived in LA and went to LA
fitness downtown

There was a man who was
incredibly built

He wore a tang top, shades, and
slicked back hair

He would sit at one of the weight
machines
and not do anything

He was at the perfect place in his
life

I hope he did it

FRIENDS JOKES

I would like to hear
my friends top 10 greatest jokes
ever

told to themselves in their own
minds

in the form of an animal looking
at themselves

DYING

Some ideas people might think when dying:

-Finally
-I enjoyed it here
-I don't have to fake this anymore
-I would like to do this again
-I'm good with this
-I'm not good with this
-this is funny
-this is scary
-I feel different than I have ever felt
-I was scared most of the time
-I still want to have sex
-even this is boring
-this is funny
-I wonder if there is a heaven?
-I did my best
-I don't want to die
-this is dramatic

-I can’t believe my thoughts are still just this

POEM

When I was young around 14

I would think about thinking

then worry about worrying

then worry about worrying about worrying

to the extent that I felt like I was out of my body all the time

till I was insane

because of this I would get high all the time

which did not help

However, sometimes I would be so lost that I didn't know what to say or do

So I would freak out with my body

run around and act ridiculous in public

“Dance like no one is watching”

but before a nervous breakdown vibe

I was good at it

I was 15 years old and legally insane
I would assume sometimes an older person saw it and thought

“Look at the beauty, freedom and joy of youth”

I have thought similar things when watching young people

people are people

IRISH SOUNDING POEM

When I spend time
with the friends I grew up with

we don't drink, get high or play
sports together anymore

we go on walks

at some point we will just sit
together

COPING

Life is surviving birth
then living
as long as you can

We have attempted to make
everything easier for that

Time, lights, TV, language, hell,
stories, gods, everything is for it

Some things have helped more
than others

We all stay in this agreed placed
called life

As best we can

Things happen in life that we
can't control

It's mostly the power of tragedy
that brings us out of our life's

There we find that after all these
millions of years and infinite
thoughts as people

That we have nothing here in life,
laid down against our births

that is why tragedy is comedy

DREAM JOB

I would like to have a job where
I'm given free coke
And told to write Slim Jim
commercials from 9 to 5

VH-1 JOURNAL POEM

I think everyone thinks
That people couldn't love them
like they love other people

not because they don't value
themselves
but because it's unfathomable
that
other people could love like they
do

I think everyone thinks this

POEM

Not talking to people
and drifting off into melodrama

MONEY

I was driving with friends through
a houseless encampment

A guy had a knife behind his back
and was approaching another guy

I didn't know what to do
I knew that I didn't have to do
much

I looked back while the car drove
away, and the situation resolved
itself

I talked to people who were in
the car

We said things like
"That was crazy"
"That was scary"

Then we talked about
houselessness for a bit
Then I wrote this

TIME

You walk outside and hear
"I'm sick of volleyball!"

Then you get your ear pierced

MY DAD

Every man on my father's side
has fought in a war

My father gives me his clothes at
times

There are of a higher quality than
mine

I black out the brand names with
a black marker
and lecture him about radical
liberal politics

He sometimes wears
"Life Is Good" socks

Today was the first time I thought
while writing this poem
that if I tried to kill people in a
war

I might wear, “Life is Good”
socks also
fifty years later

MAINE

I ate some bread
That had limited color on the packaging
Then I thought about Buffalo
Then folded my socks
Then sat on a bed that had orange sheets

A person outside was talking about pole vaulting

I went outside and a woman had their hair almost to her knees

Then I went to work

A LOT OF MY 20'S

A man tells a joke
four other men laugh
then they all go back to thinking
about their lives
until the next joke is told
which comes quickly

POEM

A camel's face tapped to a
manatee's face

DEATH

Watching death be very anxious
would be embarrassing

POEM

I don’t like putting a lot of energy
into poems

once you’re through the gates
I don’t really care about the view

BEING HAPPY

I have always tried very hard to
be very happy

It's never really worked incredibly
well

I guess I figured if I wasn't very
happy

I would just be me

Now I don't try that much

and I feel like me

which I'm happy about

SHOES

Comfortable shoes

CHOICES

I want someone to come up to me
and just say “Pip”
in my ear
and not walk off like it was silly or strange

Just recognizing that it was one second
one choice
and that there are many more to come

POEM

I mostly like
the beginning
and
the end

WALKING

Not much can
live up to the
infinity of watching someone
walk

LIFE

I have only been alive
That's all I know

I think, "Is this what it is to be
alive?

Why is it so hard
and why is it so beautiful?

POEM

Republican party

LOVE POEM

My brother asks me to watch TV
with him

He watch's it all day
while on his phone

He has watched every movie on
Netflix
And then he will watch them
again

He will ask "Do you want to
watch a movie?"
I often say, "No"

But he will often ask again later
It feels like his saying, "I love
you"
but more beautiful

MEANING OF LIFE

I want the meaning of life
inserted in my eye- in a fun way
so that I am back in the womb
in an interstellar comedy rave
drone

then oscillating back and forth
between not knowing anything
and the rapture of
knowing the meaning of life

I would like this be my
consciousness
forever

RELATIONSHIPS

Would like to see Richard
Simmons
the work out guy
and the character from the Mask
in a relationship

AMERICAN ROCK

Rock n' roll is rock n' roll:

A cowboy
runs into a baseball player

A dad goes to a Bruce
Springsteen concert
And moves his hips

A Mom is a Mom

A retired vet makes a smoothie

A boy rounds the bases in the sun

A dog sleeps

YOUTH

I thought at one point in my life

the pinnacle of life
was to be able to go down the
mouth in Double Dare
the game show

I was a child at that time
and things change

PEOPLE

If someone tried to kill you
You could always reference that
someone tried to kill you
And if the person was around you
you could point and say
"That's the person who tried to
kill me."

It's also the same with people
who you have loved

ART

Saw people on the internet who
are artists
and don't work

they seem to be thinking intense
things

FRIENDS DIE

I had a friend
we used to walk in a park
There were bench's that had
people's names who died on them

It was their bench

They would have a quote on it
We would sit on them

My friend died
and now I'm getting them a
bench

LIFE

I would like a dog
to whisper to me
“I never chose to be here either.”

GOOD PERSON

I watched a pink moon
on the ocean

from the beach
and wondered

"How long should I stay to be considered a good person?"

POEM

Does your body understand and
know human history
more than your brain?

I would like those thoughts to
meet
And sing modern country karaoke
together

BEING BORING

I don’t try that much at social interactions anymore

besides trying to be nice to people and myself

I’m boring a lot, which I like and is easy

I think it’s the best idea I have every had

FOOD

I enjoy eating

ADOPTION

I walked around an island with a friend
We talked about each of us wanting to have kids
They said they wanted to adopt

I forget about adoption
I can go a while without even the idea in any context existing

It's beautiful
What a phenomenon adoption is
I think earth would be proud

Love seems linear
Step by step a lot of small steps
With adoption
you say hello
And then say, "I love you."

LIFE

Everything is good
truth or a lie
I was born and I will die

TRYING YOUR BEST

Everybody is doing what they feel
is the right thing to do

At all times

Which for some people includes
killing other people

ART

Hard to do art if you're working

Hard to not die if you're not working

I should have made the most art between 8 and 11

READING

What I like most about reading is
turning the page and being done

I don't know if I ever thought
"I wish this book was longer."

DOING THE RIGHT THING

John was a heck of a person
Doing good things and doing the right things
He believed in God and God believed in him
He was playful and fun
He had a family, a wife, and kids
John was always brave and righteous

He lived a good life

He died and went to heaven and was honored there

LIFE

The stars are in the sky
The flowers are in the ground

POEM

I want to write a poem
Where it doesn't have to be good
or bad

Where I don't have to think

Just like being born or dying

Which could be challenging to do

BE YOURSELF

Has anyone ever been more
themselves
then anyone but themselves?

I don't think so
in the history of humans

LIFE

If you're in a room alone
and someone walks in it

Doesn't matter who they are
you're in a room with someone

ART

I played in a lot of bands when younger

Where long before the show, I thought we would be in trouble

Then a minute before the show I knew we would be in trouble

Then a minute within the show, the audience and everyone in the band agreed we were in trouble

It happened a lot

Then for the entire show which would hopefully be less then 10 minutes

I would harshly think "What have I done with my life?"

While thinking that the ones
watching us
are thinking those thoughts also

If I was in the audience
I think I would have enjoyed it

and that thoughts, art, and life for
you.

POEM

The sun
It is important

but so is a lot of things

PARTYING

I work at a school for kids

who have experienced trauma

they have been abused
in every possible way

and let me tell you
they are some of the greatest
partiers
I have ever seen

they party to exist

COMMUNICATION

I left the car in neutral
I jumped back in and turned the
car off before a ditch

A person drove by on the other
side of the road
Just after it happened
They looked at me
And I didn't really know what
face to make

I then went back to my house and
told my roommate the story
they weren't that intrigued by it

Including my non face to the
stranger

Now it's a poem

Communication outside your own experience is a journey

NEIGHBORHOOD

Me and my neighborhood friends
were the exact same
when we were young

staying wild, playing sports
and having fun

my family had a hammer
and their family had a nail

know I'm writing poems
and their dead or in jail

WEATHER

There was a large black cloud in the sky

It looked like it was going to rain

It was a conversation that was appropriate to have with anyone

READING

Doesn’t matter what is written

There isn’t anybody who doesn’t read
who will read

because it’s reading

IN MY LIFE

I saw Lenny Kravitz

Live at The Horde festival
run by Blues Traveler

FAME

Princess Di and Michael Jackson
Both resurrected as fruit flies
At the same time
On a river in the Midwest
They looked for food for 3 hours
then died

DEATH

The fact I will die

Is as comforting to me as the fact
of love

Both of those make everything
worth nothing and everything

It is all one moment in infinity

“no worries,” as they say

THE INTERNET

I feel ok
I go on the Internet
Then I feel depressed

MOVING AND GROOVING

Watching anything move
might be better
than every poem
every written

HUMOR

Science and poems
can condense information well

Science can sum up the universe

Poetry can say the word
"Universe"

Which one is funnier?

I don't know

Probably poetry, being that it
takes itself so seriously

which is saying a lot
compared to science

POEM

John Candy

WORK

I like life

Then I work

and then I don't
Whoops!

TV

An old person watching a commercial

For an old person on TV

ROOMMATES

Almost peed outside my window yesterday

So I wouldn't have to leave my room

I have done that in every house I have lived in
but it was in bottles

Even if you're walking by people
It can be difficult at times
to say
"You're there, I'm here."

All anybody wants to do with another person

Is just be in the same room and have time go by gently

LIFE

I would like to jump into a large
pile of dirt
and find a person who says

“I was waiting for you.”

Not in a dramatic, scary way
just logically said

Then I would get out
and that would be that

ART

There is a beauty in life
that is indescribable

So when someone tries to
describe it

it can be frustrating
because it's indescribable

but people still do it all the time
and people still look for it

The way in which they are so far
away from the describing this
beauty
is its own beauty

and that's people in life

KIDS

When you have kids
You have something to do

When you don't
You have to do something

Which is one reason people have kids

SLEEP

I wake up at night sometimes
and lay there

That's what happens

POEM

A poem about
the beauty of flowers

CATS

I saw a cat

and it looked at me and it knew everything

It was obvious
so obvious
that we moved on and stopped looking at each other

and stopped thinking about each other forever

CHILDHOOD

I remember diving off the diving board

going into the water in a lake

being under the water and looking up at the sun

then coming back out of it into the light

I was a child when it happened

I wonder what I thought about it

LIFE

An animal is born
and dreams of making it to
Hollywood

OTHER PEOPLE

I ran on the beach
the sun was setting
It was beautiful
I could not tell everyone on the beach this
but it was known
I could not tell them and that would be the end
I would still be in front of them
they would have to respond
Then they would see my face and body react
I could however say it while running by them
they would then understand this conversation is not going to be long

You don't see that happen much
A person just walks up to another person

And ask

"How is your life, what do you value, what is pain to you, what is fear, what is love?"
I don't believe the person would answer
"Well, here we are thank you for asking let me tell you at length what those answers are, so that we might both learn and grow."

I don't exactly know why this even is utterly unfathomable

POEM

The sun rises and it's the most
beautiful thing you have ever seen
You cry with joy
You tell people about this
experience
They say,
"You're a really good person."

POEM

Why aren't the people best at sleeping
Not seen as spiritual beings?

COLORS MOVING

A bright color turns into a light
blue

a mom
plays a flute

a positive reasonable circle is
drawn

all rocks become sand

GETTING HIGH

I wonder if someone who has
lived a challenging life with
themselves and others
has received an immense amount
of chemicals when dying from
their brain

So that they now are finally able
to resolve all the problems they
had in the life they lived

And when they are dying, they
find absolute peace and
acceptance while they are leaving

but no one knows it
and in silence they die happily

JAZZ

Free jazz drummer
talks to a priest
about love

PEEING IN PANTS

I have never peed in my pants on purpose

I have thought of it, I think often considering or the concept of it

I guess it think the concept is important

To wear sweatpants and do it

I have done things worst and better
but I have never been in a place in my life
where it makes sense to pee in sweatpants

just for fun

I think I will one day

POEM

Poems don’t have to be good
and if that’s the case
then they should probably be short

OLD PEOPLE

I love the hand waves of old
people walking on the street

you didn't even know they existed
and here they are
with a beaming smile

no fear

I feel like they are saying

"I did the whole thing."

or

"You have no idea what's ahead
of you and I hope you enjoy it, I
did"

It feels like they are forgiving you
and supporting you at the same
time

it's a beautiful thing
and it happens as quickly as it
ends

LAUGHTER

Humor allows death and life to
laugh with each other

You would think death and life
would laugh with each other all
the time

but it doesn't happen much

Death and life
actually, live within the most fear
of each other

so that's laughter for you

POEM

Poems get tough
if you're trying to write good ones

I sit and write poems

Sometimes they come
Sometimes they don't

When they don't you just keep
writing

Which is what this is

SLEEPING

A friend was sleeping on the couch

I attempted to not wake them while making cereal and coffee

It's easy to love everyone when they are asleep

LANGUAGE

Everything has a name
except everything that it is

ACID

I saw my mother
while I was on acid once

I was just walking around the neighborhood
And my mom was across the street

I was 15 years old

Not much really happened
we talked

But I tell the story often

which is
"I saw my mom on acid once."

I like the story and I think others do to

because it's about seeing a mother
on acid

WORK/SLEEP

I wake up at 3 AM a lot
and sometimes stare and think
or read a book

I always want to go back to sleep

But if I don't have to work in the
morning

then I don't mind it

because I can choose to try to
sleep sometime later that morning

and that is a big highlight of my life

POEM

I love people who go to movies alone

they are artists

they don't talk

Just leave the theater when the lights are turned on

the whole experience in their brain

maybe they feel the whole thing more

PUNK BAND

An animal in a zoo
witnesses itself
on a Disney t-shirt

POEM

Someone decides to walk their
dog
then changes their mind
and watches a Netflix movie
and holds their dog

4:30 AM

Waking up early feels like
free time

time feels like a monetized march
towards death

But if you meet the sunrise or
before

you're in the world
before it has any definition

NATURE POEM

Nature

it's beautiful

and doesn’t seem to have much
of an ego

MOVEMENT

I would like to watch a bubble
float through a stainless-steel pink
room

The bubble would move naturally
forward

I would move by way of escalator

POEM

Taking the clean car smell
In your hand

Then you give your uncle a
massage
as you wear a mask
made from Umbro shorts

LIFE

A wolf kills another animal by
biting its throat

It then eats its heart
and howls

A man hears the howl
and smiles on his way to Apple B's

GROWTH

A TV star on a TNT TV show
understands that they will not be
on TNT again

They take a walk

and start to understand that they
must look at things differently
to seek the beauty within it
to fill the hole

TALKING

The light is on
and you say
"The light is on"

Then you turn the light off
and you say
"The light is off"

DEPRESSION

Depression as a coping method for life

POEM

This is the end
This is the meaning

PEOPLE

A person says something

You often must respond

that’s life

POEM

Stare
Cereal
Stare
Cereal
Stare
Cereal
Stare
Cereal
Stare

RALPH

A person named Ralph
meets a person named Ralph

They try to shake hands and a
person
named Carl, stops their
handshake
with his face

TAKING PICTURES

I like watching people pose for pictures and smiling

the idea that you can capture and document life like that

it’s brutal

it’s easy to feel close to them for that moment
I know they're just giving it their all
trying to smile

But it feels like proof to me
at least for a second
that they got you

BEAUTY

I went to a light house
other people were there
we were all at a light house
a lot of stuff was said about the
beauty of the lighthouse
then everyone left

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

40-year-old rocker
says “Rock 'n roll is a spirit.”

Then they give it their all at a show
and it’s rocking

A person comes up to them
after the show and thanks, them
for rocking

“I had lost the spirit, now I’m going to take that spirit and use it in my life, for good”

THINGS

I remember being in wave pools
when younger
I was excited about them
this was the 1980's

when plastic was hope
and things smelled like coconuts

waves
that could happen over and over
again

It seemed like the top of
something

But the waves weren't that big
and they didn't really crash with
much life

so we had to almost die to have
fun

We came from the ocean

but when you own water
you have to almost kill yourself to
enjoy it

DREAMS

I have dreams of loved ones who
died
and x-girlfriends

They're confusing

Because they don't say
"I'm visiting you in a dream."

They are just there
going about their lives
doing things

and in the back of my mind in my
dream

I'm thinking, "Shouldn't we talk
about how you're dead and I'm
dreaming, don't you have
something beautiful to tell me?"

They don’t, they just keep going
I can’t blame them

HITLER POEM

Hitler loved someone
like we all love someone

FRIENDS

I talked to a friend
about how I should not live in a car

because I would cry in that car

He said, “You shouldn’t live in a car, you would cry in that car.”

that’s what friends are for

THINKING

I blinked just to do it
because I could do it
which is what I thought
before I did it

POEM

Easy poem